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GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES 98 STUDENTS SELECTED FOR SUMMER INTERNSHIPS WITH STATE AGENCIES

Program is Coordinated by Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley today announced 98 North Carolina college, graduate and law students have been selected for 10-week summer internships with state agencies. The N.C. State Government Internship Program, now in its 37th year, is coordinated by the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office of the N.C. Department of Administration.

"I am pleased that we have been able to expand this highly competitive program, which provides hands-on experience in dozens of diverse jobs," Easley said. "These opportunities help to prepare our students for the challenges of the global marketplace and encourage public service."

Eighty North Carolina students were awarded internships in 2006. This year, 470 students from 72 counties and 101 post-secondary institutions applied for internships. Through a competitive selection process overseen by the N.C. Internship Council, 98 students were selected to work in projects in 20 departments and 49 divisions.

Internships begin on May 29 and continue through August 3. Students are paid \$8.25 an hour for their jobs, which take them across North Carolina to perform a wide range of important tasks. The students, listed in alphabetical order of their home county, and their assignments are:

ALAMANCE

Sarah Gillespie of Mebane, a junior human and organizational development student at Vanderbilt University, has accepted the Assuring Communication Access for Deaf and Hard of Hearing North Carolinians internship at the Department of Health & Human Services' Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing office in Raleigh.

Neil Oakley of Burlington, a first-year law student at Elon University School of Law, has accepted the Court of Appeals internship with Judge Ann Marie Calabria's chambers in Raleigh.

RERTIE

Tareasha Taylor of Windsor, a junior accounting/business administration student at Elizabeth City State University, has accepted the Unauthorized Substances Tax Enforcement Agent internship at the Department of Revenue in Greenville.